



DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

January 8, 2014

Via E-mail

Iain J. Mackay  
Group Finance Director  
HSBC Holdings plc  
8 Canada Square  
London E14 5HQ  
United Kingdom

**Re: HSBC Holdings plc**  
**Form 20-F for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2012**  
**Filed March 12, 2013**  
**Form 20-F for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2011**  
**Filed March 7, 2012**  
**File No. 001-14930**

Dear Mr. Mackay:

We have completed our review of your filings. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filings and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filings to be certain that the filings include the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Stephanie J. Ciboroski

Stephanie J. Ciboroski  
Senior Assistant Chief Accountant